

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 May 2011

Agenda

A special meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2011 at 2.00 p.m.**

The agenda will be:-

1. General

- (1) Apologies for Absence
- (2) Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

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2. Statutory Proposal to Establish Post 16 Provision at Ash Green School from September 2011

(a) Reasons for Call In

Councillors Chattaway, Tandy, Jackson and Hicks.

(b) Consideration of the Report

Report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families

On 14 April 2011 the Cabinet rejected the proposal to establish Post 16 Provision at Ash Green School from September 2011 on the following grounds:

Resolved:

(1) That Cabinet rejects this proposal on the following grounds:

The proposal is not in the interest of learners because:

- The breadth of curriculum offer and facilities the school could offer are limited;
- There is a risk to 11-16 learners if the sixth form has a negative financial impact upon the whole school;
- Small sixth forms are generally not as effective as larger providers;
- There will be an adverse impact on other post 16 providers in the area as learners will be displaced rather than participation increased.
- The school is not deemed high performing by Ofsted and as such is not subject to the strong presumption in favour of the approval of the proposals.

(2) That Cabinet asks the Schools Adjudicator to join with the Council in a strategic review of 16-19 provision in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area.

This decision has been called in by Cllrs Chattaway, Tandy, Jackson and Hicks for consideration by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(c) Recommendation

That the Committee consider the issues and decide what action, if any, they wish to take from the following three options:

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- Set out its concerns in writing and ask the decision-taker to reconsider
- Refer the matter to full Council; or
- Decide to take no action.

The outcome of the meeting will normally be published electronically within 2 working days of the meeting. If the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee refer the matter to Council, the Council must meet within 10 working days of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- Peter Balaam, Carol Fox, Robin Hazelton, Julie Jackson, Tilly May Mike Perry, Clive Rickhards, Carolyn Robbins, John Ross, June Tandy (Chair)

Cabinet Portfolio Holder:- Councillor Heather Timms (Children, Young People and Families)

Church Representatives:- Mr Joseph Cannon, Dr Rex Pogson

Parent Governor Representatives:- Alison Livesey and 1 Vacancy

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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